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DEVICE FOR VARIABLE ACTIVATION OF VALVES FOR

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.